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Three cyclists hurt

Recent slew of accidents rekindles call for bike lanes on Henderson

Rosemary Westwood

A series of bike accidents in Oak Bay has renewed the call for more bike lanes in the area to increase safety for cyclists.

According to the Oak Bay Police, three accidents in September involved cyclists — two on Henderson Road and one on Foul Bay Road near Allenby Road.

On Sept. 4, a cyclist and a car collided on Henderson Road as the car turned and the bike swerved into the car. On Sept. 26, a cyclist on Henderson Road was thrown over the handlebars when a car turned left across the bike's path and caused the rider to slam on the brakes.

A similar incident took place on Foul Bay Road on Sept. 28 when a car turned in front of a bike, forcing the cyclist to brake and throwing her off the bike.

None of the incidents resulted in life-threatening injuries, but two of the cyclists were taken to the hospital.

Breanna McCubbin, a UVic student currently taking a semester off, was the victim of the Sept. 28 incident. She sustained abrasions and an injured knee as a result of her crash.

McCubbin said she believes that the driver who cut her off didn't see her, before or after the accident. "I think the biggest thing is cars being more aware," said McCubbin.

Oak Bay Police Deputy Chief Kent Thom noted that McCubbin's accident occurred while she was cycling in a bike lane.

"I feel safer in a bike lane because it's my own space and I don't get scared when cars pass me," McCubbin said, but added, "As an accident prevention thing, I'm not too sure they work."

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DEFYING UBC

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Anti-war activist denied entry to Canada

Canada Border Services Agency seized former UBC student's car and belongings

Bryan Linge

Activist and former UBC physics student Alison Bodine didn't expect to be detained by the Canadian Border Services — she just wanted her stuff back. Instead, on Sept. 13 she was handcuffed and handed over to the Surrey RCMP.

After her release the following day, Bodine said she was told to present herself to the Citizenship and Immigration Canada offices in downtown Vancouver on Sept. 17, but was still left to wonder what charges were laid against her.

The roots of Bodine's arrest stem from an incident on Sept. 10, when she tried to cross the U.S.-Canada border to enter Canada. Bodine, 22, stated she "crossed very early in the morning, and during that time I was pulled over and my car was searched by a few of the Canada Border Agency officers."

She said officers searchered her belongings and removed a few of her "political materials."

"I've been coming back and forth between Canada and the U.S. all summer since I graduated, doing anti-war and outreach on both sides of the border, so I had a lot of materials with me," Bodine said.

The border services agents then questioned Bodine and denied her request to enter the country. Still seeking to enter Canada, she phoned a friend who took the anti-war materials from her car.

"I [then] went through the border just fine. They scanned my passport then let me through," Bodine stated. But when Bodine's friend tried to cross the border with Bodine's anti-war materials, he was pulled over and the materials were confiscated. "He was issued a receipt and was told I could pick up the materials within 40 days," Bodine said.

When she returned three days later on Sept.13, agents from the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) took her into custody.

Bodine said she was told by immigration officials, "There is a Canada-wide warrant for your arrest, so we're arresting you." According to CBC.ca, Bodine's automobile, passport and other personal belongings were then confiscated by border officials.

The CBSA could not be reached for comment and has a policy to not answer questions regarding individual cases.

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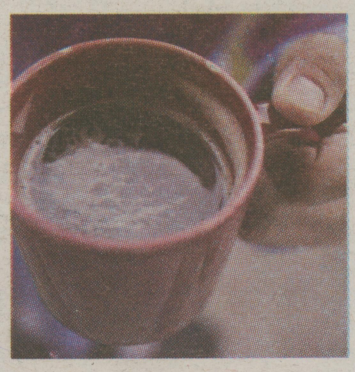

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Bicycle lanes decrease traffic speed: Pullman

"It's difficult to say if bike lanes would reduce the number of collisions," added Thom. "I do believe it would bring more awareness from motorists of the fact that cyclists are sharing the road."

Safer Cycling Oak Bay, an organization that is lobbying for bike lanes to be installed on Henderson Road, has collected 600 signatures in an online petition to have Oak Bay council approve the creation of bike lanes and improve the sidewalks on that road.

Lesley Ewing, a member of Safer Cycling Oak Bay, called Henderson the busiest cycling corridor in the Capital Regional District. More than 1,000 cyclists use the route to commute to UVic daily, according to the university's traffic survey. "The number is probably much higher than that," Ewing said.

"Bicycle lanes proved a space for cyclists on the road and single to motorists that this is a space that bicycles belong," she added.

Edward Pullman, a member of the UVic Bicycle Users Committee, said that studies have shown that bike lanes decrease the speed of traffic and help timid cyclists overcome the psychological barrier of cycling on a road with heavy traffic.

"I've had several friends in cycling accidents over the summer, so people perceive cycling as maybe not the safest," Pullman said.

He said that other areas, notably McKenzie Avenue, are also in need of bike lanes to help slow traffic and provide safe commuting routes for cyclists.

"It's disappointing going and visiting Vancouver and seeing how they're leaps and bounds ahead of Victoria in terms of designated cycling streets and streets that have traffic calmers," Pullman said.

Motorists feel a sense of entitlement to the road, Pullman added. He said bike lanes are a sign that others have rights to use the city's infrastructure for transportation.

"The aesthetics in general show that we have a city that's more open and adheres to policies of sustainable transportation," Pullman said.

In the summer, Oak Bay Municipal Council defeated a motion to build bike lanes on Henderson Road, but they did pass a motion to reconsider the proposal in the 2008 municipal budget.

JENNIFER ZHOU GRAPHIC

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Bodine campaign came to UVic

Since her arrest and release, Bodine's case has been pushed back continuously. After presenting herself to to the CBSA on Sept. 17, she was told to come back the following day. On Sept. 18, she was informed to come back on Sept. 28 for an admissibility hearing.

It was during this hearing, when Bodine had a lawyer, that she finally received access to the evidence and notes taken by border guards regarding the case. In order to allow the defence to examine evidence, Bodine's trial was pushed back to Oct. 11.

"I really think that I have been targeted as a political organizer," Bodine told CBC.ca. "They've had plenty of time to fully identify who I am, to look at the work I do, to look through photos [and] notebooks."

During the lead up to her admissibility hearing on Oct. 11, Bodine and supporters collected signatures and raised awareness both in Victoria and in Vancouver, which included a stop to UVic's campus on Oct. 9. The UVic visit included a petition drive as well as a meeting in the David Strong Building.

During her time as a UBC student, Bodine said she crossed the border "dozens of times," and since her Study Permit expired in April has had no problems crossing the border until now.

Bodine started her anti-war activism during high school in Colorado during the 2003 invasion of Iraq, organizing within her community.

While pursuing her degree, the social activism stirred in her by the Iraq war did not diminish. "I came up to Vancouver and was looking to get involved in social justice work — anti-poverty work — and met people at my university during a student week against war and occupation, and through the Coalition Against War on People of Iraq and Internationally," Bodine said.

University of Victoria Students' Society / Canadian Federation of Students Local 44

UVSS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

CFS FCE

THURSDAY OCTOBER 25, 2007 - 3:00PM, MICHELE PUJOL ROOM

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• AGENDA •

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL OF CHAIR
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
   a. Agenda of 07/10/25 AGM
4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
   a. Minutes of 07/03/29 SGM
5. SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS
6. REPORTS
   a. Board of Directors Report
      Motion to adopt the report of the Board of Directors
      BIRT the October 2007 report of the Board of Directors be adopted as presented.
   b. Directors at Large Reports
      Motion to adopt the reports of the Directors at Large
      BIRT the reports of the Directors at Large be adopted as presented.
7. FINANCIAL MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

   Motion to adopt the budget
   BIRT the 2007/2008 Budget of the University of Victoria Students' Society – Local 44 of the Canadian Federation of Students – be adopted as presented.

   Motion to adopt the audited financial statements
   BIRT the 2006/2007 audited financial statements be adopted as presented.

   Motion to re-appoint the auditors
   BIRT the firm of Allen & Krauel Inc. be appointed as the official auditors of the University of Victoria Students' Society – Local 44 of the Canadian Federation of Students – for the fiscal year of 2007/2008.
8. QUESTION PERIOD (limit 30 minutes)
9. OTHER BUSINESS

   Motion to ban Canadian Military recruitment in the SUB

   WHEREAS attempts to ban Armed Forces recruitment in the Student Union Building is not an attempt to restrict students' rights to sign up for the Armed Forces, but rather a symbolic gesture of protest towards the Canadian Military recruitment practices; and

   WHEREAS students have the right to collectively and democratically decide who has the right to use student space; therefore

   BIRT the Canadian Military not be permitted to book space within the SUB for the purposes of recruitment.

   Motion to Adopt Recommendations of Sandra McCallum's Report on the Review of the 2006 and 2007 UVSS Elections

   WHEREAS Sandra McCallum conducted a review of the 2006 and 2007 elections on behalf of the UVSS; and

   WHEREAS Professor McCallum concluded there was a need for substantial reform and made numerous recommendations;

   BIRT the UVSS adopt the recommendations of Sandra McCallum.

   Motion to Hire

   BIRT the UVSS hire an independent, impartial, and qualified individual to incorporate the recommendations into the Electoral Policy prior to the 2008 UVSS Elections.
10. NOTICE OF MOTION
11. ANNOUNCEMENTS
12. ADJOURNMENT

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NATIONAL NEWS

Student groups split on future of Millennium Scholarships

Nick Taylor-Vaisey
OTTAWA BUREAU CHIEF

OTTAWA (CUP) — The Canadian Federation of Students was the voice of dissent at the annual general meeting of the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation (CMSF) in Ottawa on Sept. 27.

The CMSF, whose funding will expire in 2009, has been a focus point for student groups, who advocate for its rejuvenation or replacement.

The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), a national student-advocacy group that represents about 500,000 students nationwide including students at UVic, has opposed the foundation almost since its creation. At the meeting, a CFS representative claimed that the CMSF spent $238,000 on flying financial aid administrators to its policy conferences.

Prior to the meeting, a coalition led by the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA), a rival to the CFS, endorsed the CMSF at a press conference on Parliament Hill.

Zach Churchill, CASA's national director, praised the program for helping thousands of students and said that the Conservatives have not mentioned any intention to renew the CMSF. According to CMSF estimates, 750,000 grants worth $2 billion have been dispersed to post-secondary students since its inception in 1998.

Mike Tipping, the chair of the Alliance of Nova Scotia Student Associations, was also concerned about the future of the CMSF.

"We just want to preserve the model of funding," he said. "We want to make sure it's flexible, long term, and locked in so students can get on it, and most importantly that it doesn't disappear."

CFS government relations co-ordinator Ian Boyko, however, questioned the accountability of the Foundation.

Boyko asked CMSF CEO Norman Riddell why representatives of the Canadian Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (CASFAA) were flown to policy conferences "under the Foundation's dime," while other stakeholders, if they attended those conferences, paid their own way. The CFS claimed that $238,000 was spent on CASFAA meeting attendance over the last seven years.

Riddell answered that the CMSF decided to assist CASFAA because the organization "isn't in quite the same position of CFS, which has a revenue stream." He emphasized the importance of bringing policy experts to conferences because of its benefits for the CMSF.

Boyko remained unconvinced that CASFAA was in need of financial assistance, commenting after the meeting that other forces were likely at play. He wondered why other organizations were not offered similar assistance.

"CAFSAA is an organization of university middle managers, and they do good work ... but to suggest that CAFSAA doesn't have any money is a bit hard to swallow for me," he said. "There's something else going on there about the Foundation being very politically astute and making sure they keep financial-aid offices happy in order to get an endorsement from them."

CFS national chairperson Amanda Aziz also expressed her concerns with the Foundation.

"We have long called for the money that was put into the Millennium Scholarship Foundation to be put into a more accountable mechanism," she said, adding that "review after review of the Foundation has shown that it has failed to improve access to post-secondary education."

Aziz would prefer a government-run, needs-based, grants system that would replace the CMSF, which is a privately-run Foundation.

"[The CMSF] is not accountable to students and the citizens and taxpayers in the same way that Human Resources and Social Development Canada is accountable. Our government officials are accountable," she said.

Riddell thanked student groups for their support. He said the Foundation is actively seeking a renewal of its mandate.

Student groups that support the Foundation were a coalition of seven student groups representing 600,000 students from seven provinces, led by CASA.

NEWS BRIEF

Career fair to connect degrees with jobs

The What Can I Do With a Degree In...? career fair runs this week, Oct. 16 to 18 in buildings around campus. Forums in 12 separate faculty areas — from business, education and fine arts, to humanities, social work and law — will feature UVic alumni speakers who will describe their career path from graduation to today. Forums will also include question and discussion sessions.

Registration is online at www.careerforums.uvic.ca, with forums running from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. nightly. It's free, and refreshments will be provided.

- Rosemary Westwood

CORRECTION

The Martlet erroneously reported Oct. 4 that goalkeeper Colin Gray made a huge save for UVic's men's soccer team in their Sept. 28 match against UBC. In fact, Dan Kilpatrick made the huge save. Gray was a substitute for the match.

CLARIFICATION

The Martlet reported Oct. 4 that the Cadboro Bay Residents Association (CBRA) approached UVic to put in a cell phone tower on campus. In fact, the CBRA has never voted on the issue. A member of the CBRA sits on the UVic Liason Committee, but the CBRA did not approach UVic as an organization representing the interests of residents.

Upcoming Martlet Meetings

Martlet AGM	Oct. 11 at 4:30 pm
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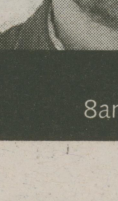

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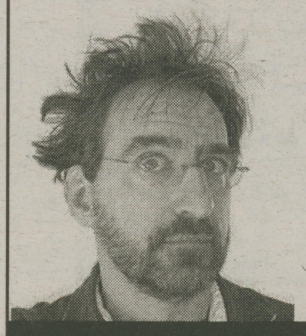

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Students jam for change

UVic Engineers Without Borders students to teach skills in Third World countries

Samantha Garofalo

The UVic chapter of Engineers Without Borders (EWB) threw a party on Sept. 29 to help communities in Third World nations through creating sustainable development.

Called Jamming for Change, the fundraiser's name was suited to its goal of overcoming poverty by bringing change and growth to developing communities.

"We have a human development approach," said Nicole Fornelli, UVic EWB's co-director of fundraising. "We as Canadians and the local communities together drive the development of these Third World countries."

She said EWB helps local organizing get off the ground and running and sends volunteers overseas to physically work with communities. Every year, one student from each EWB chapter across Canada is selected to spend four months working in a developing nation. With a cost of around $3,500 to send one person oversees, Jamming for Change aimed to help alleviate that cost.

From 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., over 200 people rocked out at Felicita's to the tunes of three bands — Finlay, Versa and Tequila Mockingbird. Fornelli called the event a success, with $1,300 raised.

UVic's chapter was founded in 2000, and since 2004 it has sent four students overseas to the Philippines, Zambia and Ghana through money raised at events like Jamming for Change. Volunteers have educated communities on everything from how to build a dam to office skills, and provided access to technology that improve lives. The placements are open to chapter members — more information is available at www.uvic.ewb.ca.

Like Fornelli, fellow EWB member Carly Rudolph strongly believes in EWB's philosophy.

"It's about empowerment," Rudolph said, and explained that EWB believes that technology, when appropriately incorporated into each community's social, cultural, economical and political context, can drive change.

On a local level, UVic's EWB chapter also does outreach to high schools and participates in the Make Poverty History Campaign.

Though the name might suggest it, students do not need to be engineering students to join EWB. The organization was created in 2000 by two engineering students at the University of Waterloo. To date, over 25,000 volunteers have joined the organization and 27 chapters exist on campuses across the country.

This Week in Martlet History

Oct. 12, 2000 — At least 34 female UVic students were victims of sexual assault during September 2000, including four who were drugged by Rohypnol, the date rape pill. Eleven of the assaults happened in UVic residences. Those numbers were up dramatically from September 1999, when 16 women sought support from the campus Sexual Assault Centre.

Oct. 11, 1990 — The number of students accessing loans from the Canada Student Assistance Programme was higher than ever before, according to a UVic financial aid officer. The total of 5,000 loans processed was a 14 per cent increase over the previous year.

Oct. 13, 1983 — Plans to construct a permanent concession stand to replace the food trolley at Cincenta were announced. The 'new' stand ws allotted $10,000 and AMS vice-president of services, Dan Marshall, said he hoped the expansion would attract a wider audience to Cinecenta.

Oct. 13, 1978 — Dave Connell, president of UVic's Alma Matter Society (the predecessor of the UVic Students' Society), accused the UVic Women's Action Group (WAG) of sexism. The charge was in response to a policy that banned males from a dance in the SUB which WAG was co-sponsoring.

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Carbon-neutral talks upcoming

Graham Briggs

Citizens, entrepreneurs, students and faculty will soon converge at UVic to fine-tune a regional strategy aimed at averting the catastrophic effects of climate change, and they want your input.

The conference, Going Beyond Climate-Neutral, runs Oct. 12 to 14. It is presented by Common Energy, a UVic-based non-profit society funded by UVic and the B.C. Ministry of Advanced Education. With input from all sectors of society, the aim is to tweak Common Energy's Going Beyond Carbon-Neutral Plan before its release this fall.

Conference co-organizer Jamie Biggar, a UVic environmental studies master's student, said the collaborative process will "come up with the best ideas with the deepest support, so they actually get implemented."

According Biggar, taking UVic and Greater Victoria beyond carbon-neutral means "doing more to solve the problem of climate change than we do to cause it." He said the conference's goal is to make the university community a catalyst for the support of climate change action.

Former UVic Students' Society (UVSS) director of services Mark Chandler is now the co-ordinator of Common Energy. "It's about a lot of voices saying, 'This is what needs to be done and this is how it needs to be done,'" said Chandler.

Presentations and discussions will focus on six key areas: business and the economy; civic engagement and governance; buildings, infrastructure and ecology; energy; transportation; and food. Common Energy's "integrative projects" — university challenge, climate trust, and integrated teaching and learning — will also be discussed. Conference attendees will split into working groups in the afternoon to engage in their chosen area.

"If there's a specific issue you're interested in, we'd love to hear from you," said Biggar.

Naomi Devine, a fourth-year political science and environmental studies student, will discuss options for change in the energy sector in her talk, Greening the Grid. With Canada's economic health due largely to high demand for fossil fuels, Devine said energy-sector reform will be tough. "When you look at reducing energy consumption you look at reducing what drives our economy," she said. "So it's challenging."

Even so, Biggar said economic opportunities that help the environment abound. "You're going to be hearing more and more about green-collar jobs ... created when entrepreneurs and industries deliver value to customers more efficiently and in more environmentally-friendly ways."

Biggar said a consensus is emerging among Canadians on the need for action. "We reached something of a tipping point with climate change awareness last year," he said. "The weather does it."

The conference kicks off with a local food feast where Graham Whitmarsh, head of the B.C. Government's Climate Action Secretariat, will speak.

Tickets are available at CommonEnergy.org, or by e-mail at register@uvic.commonenergy.org. A conference pass (including dinner) costs $50 with one-day tickets costing $15.

JOSH SZCZEPANOWSKI PHOTO

Jamie Biggar (left) and Mark Chandler are co-ordinating the upcoming Common Energy conference.

BOARD BRIEFS

Cutting-edge technology

The UVic Students' Society (UVSS) board of directors approved a $2,200 expenditure to purchase a new slicer for their food service operations.

"They obviously need a slicer to cut up a multitude of things," said UVSS director of finance Jamie Strachan at the Oct. 1 board meeting. "Staff tried out different slicers and [the $2,200 one] was deemed to be the best."

The board voted unanimously to approve the new slicer.

Three resignations announced

Two board members' resignations were accepted at the Oct. 1 meeting.

UVic Pride representative Jonny Morris and director-at-large David Aylott resigned because they are no longer students. Morris was replaced by Brodie Metcalfe, while Aylott's seat remains vacant with no byelection scheduled.

Resource co-ordinator Susan Farmer, who provides support services to the board, also resigned.

- David Karp

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EDITORIAL

Henderson Road needs bike lanes

Commuting to campus in a healthy, sustainable way is a risky endeavor, since Oak Bay Municipal Council has repeatedly turned down proposals to add bike lanes to north Henderson Road.

Cycling reduces the number of cars on the road, reduces pollution, and reduces health care costs by keeping citizens healthy. But without proper bike lanes, many potential cyclists will be deterred from leaving their cars and buses for the more risky two-wheeled alternative.

There have been 16 reported car-cyclist collisions in the 1.1 kilometre northern stretch of Henderson Road in the past three years. Last month, two cyclists in Oak Bay went to hospital with cycling injuries. Still, council insists the area isn't dangerous enough to warrant some white paint.

While it's true that this section of Henderson Road is flat and wide with a good line of sight, these are also reasons why most cars speed along the corridor. Adding bike lanes would make the road appear narrower and help to slow down vehicle traffic.

Lanes would compromise street parking spots on much of the street — an unpopular prospect for residents. But for a cyclist the presence of street parking is what makes the stretch of road most dangerous. And on Henderson Road, the vast majority of residents have a driveway or garage. Those residents with too many vehicles to fit in their driveway should be able to park their car elsewhere and walk a couple of blocks.

To safely pass a parked car, a cyclist should veer out into the road far enough to avoid becoming a "door prize" by crashing into an unexpected opening car door. On Henderson Road, approaching vehicles that want to get ahead of cyclists will often squeeze them dangerously close to the unmoving vehicle.

It's true that bike lanes won't prevent all accidents. It didn't prevent a car from cutting off cyclist Breanna McCubbin on Sept. 28, causing a knee injury. But bike lines on Henderson Road would make drivers more aware that they must share the road, and encourage more cyclists to bike to classes. With more cyclists on the road, drivers would again be made more aware of their neighbours — it's the principle of strength in numbers.

Roughly 40 per cent of UVic students live in Victoria or Oak Bay, which would suggest their quickest route to campus would be via Henderson Road. Roughly 1,000 cyclists already commute to UVic daily via Henderson Road — bike lanes could only increase this. Lanes on Henderson Road could have a huge impact on reducing car traffic to campus — and don't forget that lanes would also be well used by Camosun students.

This is a student issue and a safety issue. There's still a memorial on Richmond Road near Newton Street, where UVic student Nicholas Mathers was killed in a hit-and-run while riding his bike on Jan. 19, 2006.

Bike lanes alone may not prevent accidents, but they raise awareness of cycling and make drivers more alert. Given that the safety of UVic students is at stake, it's time for Oak Bay Municipal Council to reconsider their decision to keep Henderson bike-lane free.

Editorial topics are decided on by staff at our weekly editorial meeting at 12:30 p.m. every Friday in the Martlet office (SUB B011). Editorials are written by one or more staff members and are not necessarily the opinion of all staff members.

MARTLET READERSHIP EXPANDS

JENNIFER ZHOU GRAPHIC

LETTERS

Kovel lecture was exclusive

I was misrepresented in the Martlet article regarding Joel Kovel's lecture (Shouting erupts during talk on Israel, Sept. 27). I did not interrupt Kovel because chairperson Theresa Wolfwood asked another speaker instead of me.

I was sitting next to some rabbis and other Jews wearing yarmulkes. We were all quite appalled by the literature that was being distributed to the audience by a group that claimed that Israel was an apartheid state. It was extremely biased, and there was no other literature being distributed that presented another point of view.

I had my hand up from the beginning of the question period. Wolfwood opened the question period by calling on a speaker who was head of the group distributing the offensive literature. It was obvious that there was collusion from the beginning and that this was not to be a debate.

Jews are tired of "concerned" gentiles trying to tell us how to live our lives after they have persecuted, raped, butchered and excluded us for 2,000 years.

- C.D. Mazoff

Don't vandalize opinions

What is democracy? Over the past few weeks at UVic, we seem to have forgotten what Canada is all about.

For example, a group of UVic students posted flyers advertising an event in which member of Parliament Keith Martin spoke to students who oppose the Canadian Forces ban on campus. A rival group, in true democratic fashion, responded with posters of their own, supporting the recent UVic Students' Society ban on military recruiting in the SUB. Seems like democracy is alive and well, right?

Not quite. Unfortunately, there are students on this campus who do not understand how democracy works, or who feel that their "'righteous'" cause puts them above rules of respect and decorum. No sooner had flyers gone up advertising Martin's visit than they were being defaced with "anti-imperialist" slogans, and in many cases, were torn down. Certain individuals obviously feel that they have more of a right to express their opinions than others.

Is that democracy? Is that the type of school we want to go to? Is that the type of world we want to live in? Is that the type of world that thousands of young men and women have fought and died to protect?

- Jon Fox, creator of anti-ban Facebook group

Don't save us from ourselves

Tim Fournier of Students Against War said that his group is not trying to censor anyone, but rather "prevent students from being charged with international war crimes" (Ban sent to vote, Sept. 27). Following the same logic, all men should be locked up to prevent them raping women, robbing banks, drinking and driving and whatever else you can think of.

When will Fournier stand against unethical companies that will be at Career Fair? What will happen to the students they will hire?

I am for every person having freedom of speech and exercising democratic rights. But where Fournier went wrong was deciding all students should have his political anti-military beliefs.

- Kim Odland, UVic student

Welcoming military to SUB is political

Despite the allegations that the UVSS should keep neutral by welcoming the Canadian Forces in the SUB, opening our doors to military recruiters is a political position.

It is a position that endorses an organization that is complicit in the torture of detainees. It is a position that accepts the mounting civilian death toll in Afghanistan, not to mention the use of cluster bombs and depleted uranium. It is a position that sees installing a government of warlords accused of past atrocities and oil executives as promoting "human rights." It is a position that believes that "peace" comes in the barrel of a foreign gun. And it is a position that supports our government's increased military spending and decreased investment in our education.

UVic students can freely and easily "choose" to join the Canadian Forces on campus by logging on to any computer or dropping by Career Services. But we can also exercise our right to choose to stand up for our right to demilitarize our campus. By standing up for this right, we are joining student unions across North America who are banning recruiters from student-owned buildings.

- Tamara Herman, UVic student

Happy Heretic needs more research

I found the Happy Heretic (Good deeds don't reflect creeds, Oct. 4) to

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Senate is part of democracy

Curtis Smith

Any bill introduced by the Senate should be contentious, but only in reference to its content, not by the house that introduced it.

The legislative branch of a country with a parliamentary system of government, such as Canada, has an appointed house and an elected one. The legislative branch introduces legislation. And while the elected body usually introduces legislation, it is not unheard of for the Senate to introduce a bill.

Despite being a part of the legislative branch, the Senate doesn't have the right to introduce any legislation it wants. The Senate is prohibited from introducing money bills — any legislation regarding the allocation of government funds. That is to protect voters from appointed officials controlling how their tax dollars are spent.

> Because the Senate can make decisions on reasoning other than the electoral backlash of policy, it is fair to argue that they should introduce *more* legislation

The Senate is allowed to write legislation that does not involve budgetary matters. And the fact that they are not an elected body does not, and should not affect this. The bicameral system means that both houses must approve a bill before it can become law. Regardless of who introduces a bill, be it a private member, the Senate, or the governing party, both the elected and appointed members of the legislative branch must vote on it.

Because both houses vote on *all* legislation, it is a moot point as to who introduces the bill. Both houses are allowed to make amendments, vote it down, or approve it, elected or not. As citizens we are protected from any tyranny by the appointed house through the bicameral system.

To take this one step further, the Senate rarely introduces legislation. Because of this, what little legislation they introduce must be taken seriously. The Senate may not be accountable, but that in itself is a double-edged sword. By not being accountable to the public they can avoid making popular decisions and consider what is best for the country.

Conversely, they can also put their interests first. But because the House of Commons must approve all legislation, there is a check on the Senate's power.

Because the Senate can make decisions on reasoning other than the electoral backlash of policy, it is fair to argue that they should introduce *more* legislation. The bicameral system allows the best of both worlds — an accountable, elected house that must serve the interests of the voters or lose their jobs and an appointed house that does not need to appease the majority to keep their job.

This protects us as citizens from ourselves. We do not always know best, and neither do the people we elect, or appointed senators. That is why private members of Parliament, the governing party and the Senate can all introduce legislation and vote on it.

Ban debate needs rational thought

Allan Ferguson

The rhetoric is getting laid on pretty thick by both sides of the proposed military recruiting ban.

The pro-ban side complains of being called liberal hippie granola crunchers while the anti-ban crowd is apparently part of the fascist right-wing minority. The two sides seem intent on making this debate about how awful or wonderful the Canadian Forces is, but it seems that the real problem isn't about the military but how the UVic Students' Society (UVSS) has handled the situation.

Both sides have reasonable points to make. The pro-ban side is correct to say that no one's rights are being infringed upon — no one is being prevented from speaking their minds or joining the military. It's hyperbolic to claim that Charter rights are being infringed upon by the recruiting ban.

The anti-ban side, however, is also correct to claim that the UVSS board of directors should not be making these kinds of decisions. There is a plurality of viewpoints on the military and its mission in Afghanistan such that the board cannot assume to speak for all UVic undergrads on this topic.

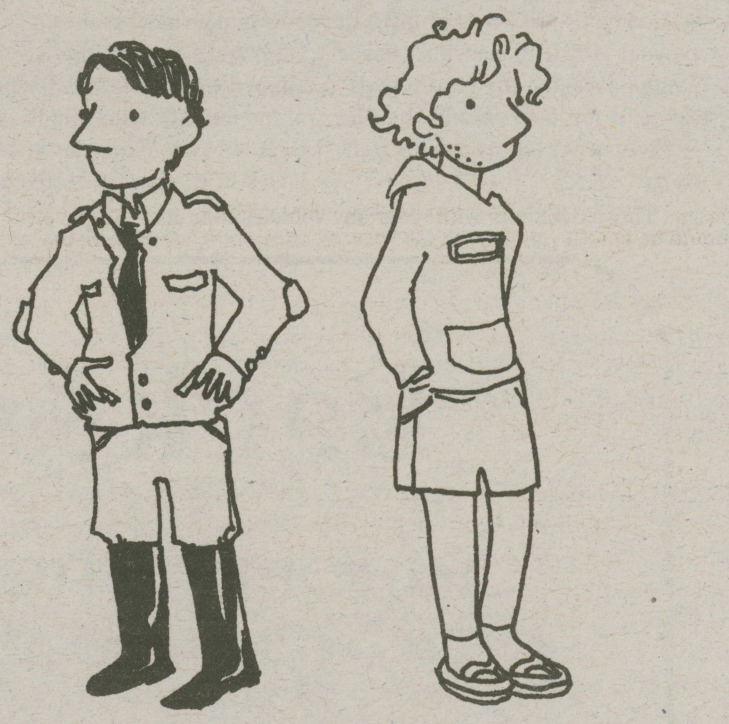
What's at the heart of the matter?

No one would claim that a ban on recruiting in the Student Union Building (SUB) will substantively change anything about the Canadian Forces or defence policy. The ban is nothing more than a symbolic gesture. UVic Students Against War co-chair Tim Fournier has admitted as much.

Does such a gesture offend anyone's rights? No. The SUB is a privately-owned building and as such its owners have every right to decide whom to admit or ban.

But the SUB does not belong to the board — it belongs to the students. Sure, the board is elected to attend to the functioning of the UVSS, but there is nothing in the UVSS Constitution that allows for grandiose political statements to be made on behalf of the student body (I don't know what constitution Fournier is reading, but my copy does not include the word "values" at all).

This decision should have been referred to the Oct. 25 UVSS annual general meeting from the start. Despite UVSS director-at-large Christine Comrie's protestations otherwise, seven members of the Board clearly believe that the student body is not competent to make this decision.



JENNIFER ZHOU GRAPHIC

And that's what makes the ban so offensive.

Fournier, Students Against War, and others that take an interest in these issues should be applauded. Their activities are an integral part of a healthy democracy. But it simply isn't the place of the UVSS board' of directors or Students Against War to speak for others, especially on such a contentious topic.

Should the SUB be a recruitment-free zone? Perhaps. But that's a choice that the members of the UVSS should make, not the board of directors.

Both sides need to recognize the realities of this particular situation.

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be offensive, as an atheist and as a student. There are certain ways to form an argument and begging the question helps nobody. Anybody with any rudimentary knowledge of western organized religion knows that it's not just the holy texts that form the basis of the faith, but also philosophy, historical church decisions and unwritten conventions.

Just as Canadian law isn't solely based on the Criminal Code, but also legal precedents and pre-existing British traditions, religion is a lot more than what you find in the Bible or Qur'an. By misrepresenting theists you're not only making yourself look bad, but also atheists.

-Steven Edwards, UVic student

Religion's legitimate role

After Derek Madson's rebuttal in last week's Martlet (Good deeds don't reflect creeds, Oct. 11), I feel another response to the Happy Heretic column is due.

It's becoming trendy to scoff at religion — just take a look inside any bookstore full of looming titles like "God is Not Great" or "The End of Faith" for proof. Usually the argument falls back on the presumption that atheists are a victimized minority while religious devotees are empowered.

So, I thank Madson for avoiding the sensationalist banter repeated by many passionate secularists. Madson's article, however, misses the greater scope of religion's role: when it comes to gauging the net consequences of a teaching, society ought to be scrutinized — not religion.

Religions accommodate society's ideals and are influenced by its pre-existing moral code, rather than being the sole provider of one.

To be judged properly, creeds must be viewed in context. Madson highlights the "barbarity" of Biblical teachings in Leviticus and Deuteronomy, yet the Mosaic Law was lenient compared with the pagan civilizations of the day.

Madson says that religion "does considerable harm" to a civilization; who gives it such influence if not its own adherents?

Religion always makes the necessary room for cultural assertiveness, so whatever harm is created begins first with the society in question, then with the religion employed to excuse the injury.

- Meaghan Kerr, UVic student

Web page for cheaters is repugnant

Spencer Anderson

I was sitting in my rec room recently watching television at 2 a.m., a surefire way to wind down after a hard day of avoiding doing actual work. I was just on the verge of dozing off when the CNN news anchor's voice made me snap to attention.

Actually, it was what she said that made me open my ears: "But surely you're not encouraging people to go out and have affairs."

Now fully conscious, I leaned forwards on the sofa. She was interviewing a well-dressed man in a pinstripe suit with a smirk on his face. "No, of course not," he purred. "But what I'm saying is that since people are going to cheat on their spouses, they may as well do it through a professional, discreet organization like ours."

He was representing a company called the Ashley Madison Agency, a company that serves "women looking for romantic affairs ... and the men who want to fulfill them." Basically, this site acts as a kind of Facebook for people who want to cheat on their husbands, and by extension, their wives.

I was disgusted. Extra-marital affairs have a very negative effect on society. They ruin lives, sever family ties, break hearts and breed resentment. Not only are they a gross betrayal of trust, but they also highlight significant weaknesses of character, regardless of gender. It would seem preposterous that a major news station would even dignify such a morally devoid organization by giving them air time.

It wasn't just CNN either. Other "quality" programs and networks, such as Fox News, Dr. Phil, and 20/20 had representatives of Ashley Madison on their shows.

Once the show was over I went upstairs to my laptop and browsed the site, and it didn't improve my state of mind. "It's like a private club!" boasted one quote. "People who are inclined to have affairs are usually better looking than average," proclaimed another. "I've discovered many women in unfulfilling relationships who are looking for satisfaction," said another one, in a tone as cheery as might be used in a laundry detergent commercial.

Incredulously, I delved further into the site. It claimed that 50 to 60 per cent of men and 40 to 50 per cent of women in North America were going to cheat at some point, so why not accommodate them? Most idiotic of all was the claim that the company would facilitate the progress of civil and women's rights.

"A belief in individual rights, the human condition, the positive impact of women on modern day society in business, sex and family life, the evolution of female sexuality and the democratic principles upon which this country [the U.S.] was founded are the basis for Ashley Madison's philosophy and our corporate giving program."

Funny. I thought the basis for their philosophy and corporate giving program was selfish people who want sex and a sneaky way to get it. I don't see how cheating on one's husband empowers women or women's sexuality, I don't see how affairs strengthen family life, and if I were American, I'd be livid at the suggestion that a company which facilitates adultery has anything to do with the principles of the Constitution.

What a sad state of affairs.

Watching over the great white North

Paul Owen
THE GATEWAY

EDMONTON (CUP) — What's the difference between the Canadian Arctic and my freezer?

There are many answers to this joke, and most of them like "The Arctic is only frozen 11 months of the year" or "The Russians never planted a flag on my frozen peas" aren't funny. Nor should they be — Arctic sovereignty is no laughing matter.

In response to a recent increase in foreign interest in the region, caused by less recent discoveries of oil, gold and diamonds, the Canadian government is planning to build a sophisticated, hi-tech fibre optic monitoring system in the Northwest Passage to keep tabs on both ship and submarine travel.

Canada's grip on the Arctic has slipped ever since the downsizing of the military following the end of the Cold War. While early-warning bases in the Arctic outlived their purpose, the military presence in the region was necessary because it's largely devoid of people. According to the 2006 Census, about 70,000 residents live in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut combined. This puts about 0.037 people on every square kilometre in the former and 0.016 in the latter. The Arctic would be a lot more secure if there were a major economic centre consisting of people who strongly recognize themselves as Canadian.

The government should have encouraged more people to relocate north. Because there isn't a deep water port in the Northwest Passage or in an Eastern Arctic centre such as Iqaluit, Nunavut, the economy is severely limited almost year-round, as various bays and inlets that towns are built on freeze up in the colder months.

Food, especially of the fresh variety, is difficult to come by since the land is so difficult to farm. Attempts to do so in Rankin Inlet in the '60s and '70s only resulted in fatter polar bears. Most of the remote towns are forced to pay double for milk and bread or survive on whatever the barge brings in when the ice finally melts enough for it to dock.

If the government is serious about establishing dominance in the North, it's going to have to take a little more action than what boils down to a fancy sonar setup. Until they do, there's a serious and increasing risk of finding Yuri and Ivan in the kitchen, bogarting all the curly fries.

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OUT OF PROVINCE VIEW

Censorship inhibits justice process

Megan Cleaveley
THE GATEWAY

EDMONTON (CUP) — When the City of New York banned the use of the word "nigger," it was a ridiculous, but harmless, symbolic gesture.

The ban won't be enforced and prominent African Americans such as Jamie Foxx admit they'll still use the word. Being a symbolic act, the ban doesn't really trample on the rights of citizens. While this doesn't make it any more rational, it's relatively harmless.

But when a ban on words compromises rights, we've got a problem. A recent case in Nebraska saw a judge bar the use of certain words from a criminal trial. This is a common practice in the state, as judges will often ban words like "victim" that imply a crime was committed.

In the Pamir Safi trial, where he has been accused of raping Tory Bowen, the judge agreed with the defence that the words "rape," "sexual assault," "victim," and "assailant" be barred. The rationale is when a witness admits rape or sexual assault, they're making a legal conclusion rather than let the jury fulfill its duty.

Rape is a traumatic experience many women have difficulty admitting and a leading reason why it goes unreported. For a woman to describe rape as sex is shocking and degrading. And it doesn't help that the jury wasn't informed of the word ban either. There have been two mistrials in the case as a result of hung juries already, and while a third trial looms, the jury will continue to be left in the dark so long as certain words are forbidden from the courtroom.

In the second trial, Bowen was on the witness stand for 13 hours, admitting the ban affected her testimony because she had to choose her words carefully. Perhaps it's no surprise Bowen is suing the judge and refuses to adhere to the ban, saying she'd rather go to jail than commit what she sees as perjury.

> There would never be a ban on the word "robbery," which makes me wonder...

If this were a different case where Safi was accused of robbing Bowen, none of the words associated with that would be banned. There would never be a ban on the word "robbery," which makes me wonder why it has been deemed acceptable in the Safi trial to prohibit words associated with rape. Doing so reinforces the idea we live in a culture where rape is just a common thing, trivialized in the media and popular culture. Considering the difficulty of rape trials to begin with, including frequent victim-blaming insinuations like "she was asking for it," many women forego pressing charges at all.

As long as rape occurs in our society, the courts should allow the use of the appropriate words to explicitly describe such acts in trials, allowing for more faith in the justice system for those who wish to report it, and by extension protect women against assault.

When the science fails

Brett Favaro
THE PEAK

BURNABY, B.C. (CUP) — Another productive Canadian fishery is facing a state of emergency.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans has closed all commercial fishing of Fraser River sockeye salmon due to surprisingly low numbers of returning fish. Like the Atlantic cod fishery of the early 1990s, the public is demanding to know how an abundant species of fish could be driven to such catastrophically low numbers in a relatively short time.

A look at the global trends behind fishery management may provide answers.

To British Columbians, the Fraser sockeye is one of many examples of managed fisheries collapsing in both Canada and around the world. By our best estimates, the global fish biomass has dropped 90 per cent since the early 1900s. If this trend continues, our oceans may end up devoid of any organisms fit for human consumption.

Understanding how a managed fishery can crash lies first in knowing how fishery science is used to manage fish populations. Modern methodology involves calculating a maximum sustainable yield, designed to bring down the number of fish in a population to a level where reproductive output is projected to be bigger thanks to fewer individuals being forced to compete for resources. The maximum sustainable yield can be calculated a number of ways, all based on mathematical values that fail to consider key ecological factors.

The way humans prey upon fish differs from predator-prey interactions in nature. In a natural ecosystem, predators target the young, old and weak as they are the easiest to hunt. When we fish, our nets are designed to catch the largest and healthiest individuals. We target healthy reproductive adults that would have otherwise spawned the next generation of fish. Remove too many before they get a chance to spawn and it knocks down the number of offspring in the future generation, threatening the species' survival. We're effectively removing the capital rather than living off the interest.

The second major flaw in the logic behind fishery science is the myth that we have a surplus of fish available for consumption. Ecosystems evolve over millions of years to reach the point of equilibrium we observe today. Predators evolve to become more effective at catching prey, which favours the evolution of individuals that have large numbers of offspring. When humans remove millions of reproductively mature fish, no allowance exists for this increased drawdown. Predators continue to mount the same predatory stress on the existing species, and those prey species dwindle in numbers. If this continues over many years, a crash of the population occurs.

One management solution governments have been hesitant to enact, yet is most likely to succeed in making a fishery truly sustainable, are no-take zones — areas of the ocean where commercial fishing is forbidden.

The concept is simple: if no commercial fishing occurs in an area, it becomes a sanctuary for the species. Fish in that area increase greatly in size and abundance, causing a spillover effect into surrounding areas where fishing is allowed. Yields will increase with less fishing effort, and the fishery will be far more resistant to collapse. These no-take zones require less management than current complex regulatory structures and are far more effective.

Canada has the opportunity to become a world leader in fishery management by setting aside large areas of our vast oceans as no-take-zones, thus preserving our marine resources for future generations. We should capitalize on this very important opportunity.

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A look at the awakening of the fair trade coffee movement and what's in store for the future.

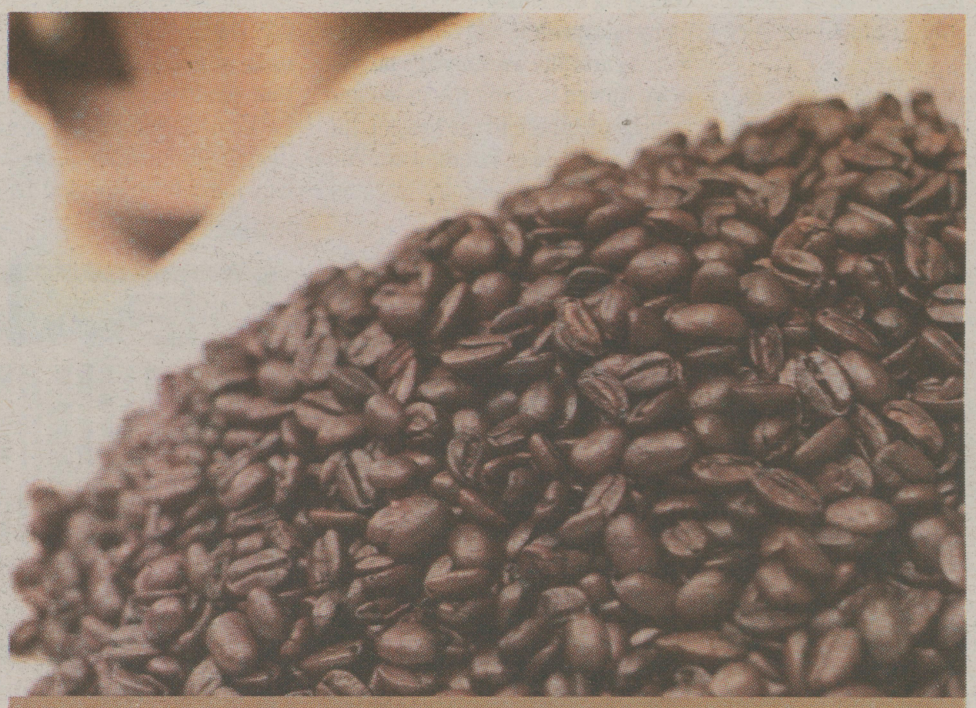
Naomi Lightman
THE MCGILL DAILY

MONTREAL (CUP) — It's a time-honoured ritual: each morning, millions of bleary-eyed Canadians guzzle down their daily dose of coffee. In the kitchen or at a café, they wait anxiously for their beloved caffeine fix to brew.

But these days, the fair trade movement has helped consumers of the black brew realize that each sip has political implications. It's now common knowledge that conventional coffee beans are grown on large-scale plantations in the tropical regions of the world; that coffee workers are exploited and paid close-to-subsistence wages; and that profits rarely end up in the pockets of local farmers.

Fair trade coffee appears to be a perfect alternative for conscientious caffeine addicts — high-quality coffee that is certified as a more ethical option and costs roughly the same as any specialty beverage. Often touted as an important social justice movement, fair trade attempts to reconcile producers' needs with the interests of consumers and corporations. This is done by fixing higher prices for coffee beans and cutting out the middleman, buying directly from small co-operatives.

Undeniably, fair trade is one way to put your money where your mouth is. Yet as multi-national corporations seize on the movement to polish up their tarnished images, and the limitations of market-based social justice solutions become more evident, fair traders have started to question the direction and re-evaluate the goals of their movement.



97% of coffee farmers worldwide don't participate in fair trade.

Early brewings

The birth of fair trade is often traced to 1942, when a group of British Quakers founded the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief, or Oxfam for short. Their initial goal was to raise money for wartime relief of impoverished people in Europe.

By the '60s, however, the organization had made important changes. Oxfam reoriented its focus to selling goods produced by co-operatives in the Third World, reflecting a shift from providing charity to offering economic assistance.

Unlike traditional forms of international aid given by richer nations to poorer ones, which are mostly unilateral payments with self-interested conditions attached, fair trade offers an attractive alternative. It shares similar attributes with a variety of ethical certification schemes, such as organic, sweat-free and forest stewardship labels. With fair trade, buyers pay a price premium of US$1.26 per pound of green coffee, and an additional US$0.15-per-pound premium for organic fair trade coffee.

"With fair trade you get something in exchange, so it feels more equitable than some charitable donations," said Monika Firl, producer relations manager of Cooperative Coffees, a North American green coffee-importing co-operative. "It's an approach that a lot of people can relate to."

Equal Exchange, the first fair trade coffee company, was founded in 1986 in Canton, Mass. Today, it is the largest Alternative Trade Organization in the United States.

Two years later, Max Havelaar was launched in the Netherlands, becoming the first fair trade coffee consumer label. The name was taken from a fictional character in Dutch literature who had supported the plight of Javanese farmers.

The label was a significant but small step in the evolution of fair trade, as it allowed existing large coffee roasters to buy a fraction of their total coffee volume on fair trade terms.

"The idea was to get regular companies involved, instead of just NGOs, and certify them for whatever percentage of fair trade coffee they're willing to buy," said Gavin Fridell, assistant professor of political science at Trent University and author of the 2007 book *Fair Trade Coffee: The Prospects and Pitfalls of Market-Driven Social Justice.*

TransFair Canada, the only third-party certifier of fair trade products in Canada, audits transactions between companies offering Fair Trade Certified products and the international suppliers they buy from. It was founded in 1994, and gave its first certification seal in 1997. While 13 commodities are certified, including sugar, cocoa and bananas, coffee remains the backbone of the market and the most recognizable fair trade product.

"People tend to be very passionate about coffee," Cooperative Coffees' Firl said. "There's a whole culture around it, and it's a more personal relationship than with other products we purchase."

The market's fickle hand

Coffee is unquestionably big money. After oil and illegal drugs, it is the third most valuable export commodity from the Third World.

"We live in a world consumed by market ideology," said Fridell. "Fair trade creates an avenue for people concerned with things like equity to channel their energy in a way that is compatible with global capitalism.

"But the flip side of the benefits of fair trade is that it gives the impression that the market can solve all the world's problems."

For one thing, fair trade is only a specialized, niche market within the coffee industry.

"In 2003, there were 670,000 coffee farmer families registered with fair trade," said Fridell. "On one hand, that's wonderful. On the other hand, there are nearly 25 million coffee farmers worldwide. This means that we are helping less than three per cent of the world's coffee farmers ... what about the other 97 per cent?"

Fair trade may also unintentionally support a free trade agenda. The International Coffee Agreement (ICA) between 1976 and 1989 regulated bean prices at a fixed price. The price for conventional beans under the ICA was equal to or well above what are now considered fair trade prices, although

The Munchie Bar's house blend from Kicking Horse Coffee is fair trade. Finnerty Express used to serve Starbuck's Coffee, but switched to fair trade in 2004.

EANS ON FAIR TRADE

Photos by Ahmed Mumeni

The University Centre has sold 444 pounds of fair trade coffee since the start of September. UVic Food Services has sold almost 1,000 pounds of fair-trade coffee this school year.

the standards regarding the profits earned by middlemen were less stringent.

According to Fridell, the demise of the international regulation of all raw materials besides oil has largely been to the detriment of coffee producers. Today, coffee farmers are producing larger and larger quantities in a desperate attempt to make up for falling world market prices. But with fair trade, the onus is shifted to consumers to make a conscious decision to pay more.

"Now coffee farmers depend on the whim of Northern consumers, who are not responsible or accountable," said Fridell. "You might buy fair trade and help a farmer who otherwise would go bankrupt, or you might not."

Starbucks: friend or foe?

As multinational corporations increasingly expand their participation within the fair trade market, fair traders have begun to question the consequences.

"When Wal-Mart or others with histories of labour exploitation get involved, it's leading to the end of the real credibility of fair trade," claims Phillipe Lapointe, a student at the Montreal campus of the University of Quebec who worked for two years as the Quebec Regional Coordinator of the Canadian Students Fair Trade Network.

Buying roughly one per cent of the world coffee supply, Starbucks is a high-profile, heavily-branded, and publicly-traded corporation, with a primarily urban and middle-class consumer base. In the early 1990s, fair trade activists began challenging Starbucks to stop buying coffee from plantations where workers were treated poorly and paid unfair wages.

Initially, Starbucks refused. Yet by the mid-nineties, Starbucks decided to stake a claim in the ethical certification movement, recognizing that its consumer demographic might be sympathetic to social justice issues. It announced it would work toward a new code of conduct for the coffee industry and began to do more direct business with medium-sized farms, but did not show interest in selling fair trade products.

In 1999, the human-rights advocacy organization Global Exchange approached then-Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz and suggested that the company offer Fair Trade Certified coffee in its stores. Starbucks was hesitant, voicing concerns about low quality. In response, Global Exchange organized peaceful protests in front of Seattle Starbucks stores, and a few months later, at the annual meeting of Starbucks stockholders, protesters again voiced their request.

As a result, Starbucks announced in 2000 a one-time shipment of 75,000 pounds of fair trade coffee — about 30 pounds per store — which Global Exchange promptly labelled a mere "drop in the cup."

Later in the year, Starbucks finally agreed to offer fair trade coffee in each of its outlets, making it the largest single buyer of fair trade beans. This announcement came three days before the launch of Global Exchange's large-scale consumer boycott against the company.

But in 2004, Starbucks announced that by 2007 close to 60 per cent of its coffee would be sourced according to its own code of conduct, leaving many to question what this code will entail. While the company usually pays at least the fair trade floor price in its transactions, it also relies heavily on brokers, meaning that farmers and plantation workers do not necessarily benefit. As there is minimal contact with producers, it us unclear what share of the profits are reaped by middlemen or plantation owners.

With large roasters such as Starbucks buying only a small percentage of fair trade certified coffee, smaller roasters committed to 100 per cent fair trade production perceive these corporations' efforts as little more than a market ploy.

Members of Cooperative Coffees have actively voiced their concerns. Composed of 22 community-based coffee roasters, the co-operative's members are committed to building and supporting equitable and sustainable trade relationships for the benefit of farmers and their families. These roasters strive to promote fair trade and sustainable development alternatives in both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres.

"I don't like seeing big companies with economic and political clout coming in and dangling the carrot of buying large quantities of fair trade and then distorting the whole purpose of the movement," said Firl. "They are using fair trade to improve their image with no intention of putting producers at the heart of their transactions."

Roasters who have built their brand name around social responsibility and environmental concerns worry that fair trade will no longer be a genuine alternative to mainstream coffee consumption.

"If we are too inclusive we might spoil the mission," said Lapointe.

Yet TransFair Canada argues that if corporate giants buy larger quantities of fair trade coffee, they will be doing more for farmers in the Third World in the long-term than some of the smaller, 100 per cent fair trade roasters, due to sheer scale and monetary means.

Some coffee growers agree. Raoule del Aguila of Peru's COCLA coffee cooperative, who spoke at the United Students for Fair Trade Convergence in Boston in 2007, sees it as a mixed blessing.

"The positive side is that due to larger corporations, there has been increased demand for our products. The negative side is that we have to make sure that this change is sustainable. That is a challenge and a task for all of us," he said.

Multinational corporations may recognize that fair trade is a good business strategy in the short-term, but there is no assurance that they will continue to see it that way — leaving support for fair trade in a precarious balance.

A fairer future?

According to Lapointe and Fridell, the student movement can play an important role in the fight to increase fair trade coffee consumption.

"Students are the ones that have time to get involved," said Lapointe. "We should be promoting smaller companies on our campuses that sell 100 per cent of their products under fair trade terms."

Fridell believes that university campuses should be a leader in promoting ethics in business. At UVic, both the UVic Students' Society and the university sell only fair trade coffee.

"Students have managed to force various university food providers to provide fair trade coffee," he said. "But more important is to force the administrations to pass ethical purchasing policies so there is only a fair trade option available."

Ultimately, fair trade holds many lessons for other industries and suppliers who seek to tap into the growing field of conscious consumerism. Forms of ethical production allow consumers an alternative to the exploitative economic relationships currently characterizing mainstream international trade.

Despite its problems and setbacks, fair trade continues to provide a valuable way for normal citizens to effect change with their money.

"There is still much merit to fair trade," said Fridell. "Farmers are getting access to health care, education and processing facilities. You are actually helping specific communities in the South to lead better lives."

1% of the world's coffee supply is purchased by Starbucks.

Facebook changes face of activism

Thanks to online groups, standing up for what you believe in can now be done from comfort of your own chair

Alain Champagne

Facebook is just the newest tool making activism instantaneous and accessible.

Since its launch in 2004, Facebook has become one of the 10 most visited websites in the world. With over 34 million active users, its social networking capabilities are uniting individuals from around the globe.

Now activists are taking advantage of Facebook's "group" feature to spread awareness. Group members extend invitations to their friends, and before long, any worthy cause can reap the benefits of exponential growth.

This was the case for Jon Fox's group, "The Canadian Forces are NOT criminals...but the UVSS are idiots." Upon reading the Sept. 20 issue of the *Martlet*, which broke news that the UVic Students' Society (UVSS) banned the Canadian military from the Student Union Building, Fox returned home furious and looking to vent.

"I created the group to voice my distaste with the decision," said Fox, explaining that the group's popularity was far from his mind. However, by Monday, Sept. 24, the group had more than 400 UVic students, playing a major role in rescinding the ban at the next UVSS board of directors meeting.

The group has attracted roughly 700 members and will continue to persevere in hopes of preventing a ban at the UVSS annual general meeting on Oct. 25.

"It's easy to spread awareness quickly, but the trouble is maintaining interest," said Fox. "You need events to keep it going."

Facebook lets its users advertise events and send invitations to friends and group members. Creating events to keep the group interested is a large factor in accomplishing any group's goals.

At noon on Oct. 6 in Ottawa, tens of thousands marched in support of the Burmese monks, participating in a global action day hosted by the Facebook group "Support the Monks' protest in Burma."

Group creator Alex Bookbinder, a student at UBC, marched alongside hundreds in Ottawa. Protesters made their way from Parliament Hill to the Burmese embassy and finally took stand in front of the Chinese Embassy.

"I was just in Burma and I wanted to inform people," explained Bookbinder. Since the group's creation on Sept. 19, he has succeeded in informing more than 380,000 members.

The group's size and global events are not the only milestones. Information on the shooting of video journalist Kenji Najai in Yangon, Burma surfaced in the group, and upon verification, Channel 4 ran the story, citing the group as its source.

Authorities have shut down Burma's internet service providers in an effort to silence such outside contact, but several leaks are providing up-to-the-minute news on the group's wall. With such heightened attention, Facebook is inarguably changing the face of modern media.

"Facebook is helping us to welcome a new kind of activism," said Deanna Scott, the group's officer for the National Voices of Burma Initiative. "[It has] allowed for streamlined media campaigns."

The ever-expanding group continues to host events in hopes of sanctions and government action — it's just one of the many ways Facebook is bringing ease and accessibility to activism and helping people accomplish monumental goals.

WILLIAM WOLFE-WYLIE (CUP) PHOTO

The Burmese march in Ottawa was influenced by a Facebook group.

From indie pop to hip hop, these tracks move it

Bella
No One Will Know
MINT RECORDS

It might not be music you'll hear drifting through the mall's sound system, but *No One Will Know*, Bella's second full-length album, will have you pumped up for an afternoon of house cleaning, or a jamming pre-club party.

The album, Bella's first project with Mint Records, clocks in at a paltry 39 minutes, but if indie pop's your thing, then that's 39 minutes of synthy satisfaction.

No One Will Know, which was released on Sept. 18, offers a wide range of listening pleasures. Peppy drumbeats — almost clap-tracks — in "For the Last Time" and "Don't Sleep Alone" are countered by slower pieces such as "Settle Down." "Give It a Night" has a memorable guitar intro, but despite these perks Bella's sounds blend together in similarity, detracting from some intelligent, often dreamy lyrics.

Repetition of certain lines and phrases as well as some clever vocalizing doesn't allow for a simple reading of the lyrics. This is music that needs to paid attention to — if you heard it in the elevator, you'd likely tune it out. To their credit, Bella's catchy, fun tunes are suitable for even a philosophical listening.

We can expect a lot more from the Vancouver trio as they kick off their cross-Canada tour this month.

- Megan Welsh

Blu & Exile
Below the Heavens
SOUND IN COLOR

Blu & Exile's first full-length record, *Below the Heavens*, could be the hip-hop release of the year. Their debut displays an interesting mix of youthful, blue collar narratives and classic West Coast soul, combined to forge impressive results — yet the record went totally unnoticed.

At the Rock the Bells hip-hop festival in Los Angeles during the summer, underground rapper and L.A. native Murs took the main stage in a blue race car suit and rocked the crowd hard with an impromptu set. Right before performing the anthem "L.A." Murs said to the audience, "You know, I think that no matter what anyone down here in L.A. does, no matter what we all got a little bit of thug in us."

Such a statement describes L.A. newcomers Blu & Exile well. The intro track of *Below the Heavens* has DJ Exile flipping a sample from The Dell's hit "Love is Blue," while Blu puts a new spin on a classical braggadocio style of rapping. Songs such as "Dancing in the Rain" and "Good Life (Show Me)" demonstrate Blu's ability to wring narrative poetry out of daily life. His confident, slightly nasal delivery meshes well with Exile's soul sampling and low-key drum loops. Chemistry between the two is present throughout the album, and makes for one heck of a listening experience.

Comparisons are already being made between this debut and Nas's classic Illmatic. While the lyricism may be on par, the comparison isn't apt. During Illmatic, Nas was weary beyond his years — already the "street's disciple." *Below the Heavens*, however, has a laid back, joyful vibe which leaves the listener smiling, hip-hop fan or not.

- Jim Hill

Band of Horses
Cease to Begin
SUB POP RECORDS

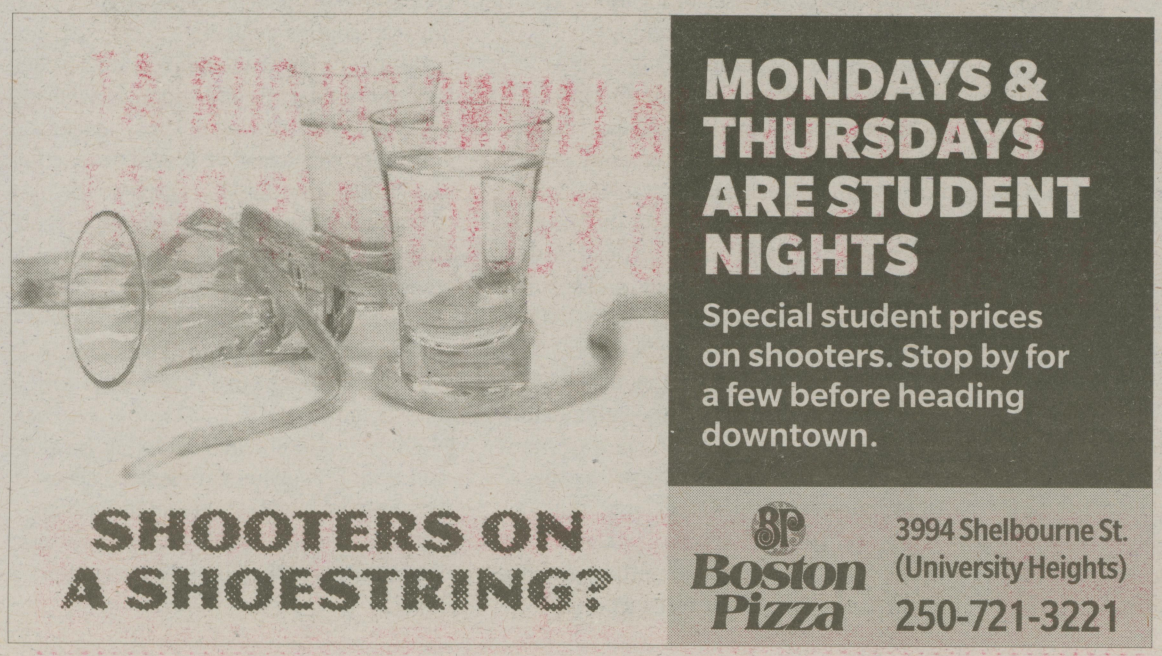
Album of the year is an accolade that must be hard to give out. What makes a record shine above everything else during a 12-month span? Melody? Lyrics? Production? Maybe a combination of the three. But how do you compare genre to genre, with so many different styles to choose from?

Band of Horses makes this easy. With their new release, *Cease to Begin*, they present a 35-minute lesson on exemplary songwriting. With 10 songs of pure satisfaction, Cease to Begin picks up where the group's 2006 critically-acclaimed *Everything All the Time* left off, not only continuing their path to perfection through simplicity, but advancing their technique as well.

Singer/songwriter Ben Bridwell's effortless range shines through once again, but this time his lyrics show a serious evolution. The instrumentation throughout the album is far more layered, with the many keyboard parts adding a crucial atmospheric element possibly missing from the tracks on *Everything*.

Standout songs "Detlef Schrempf," "Marry Song" and "Window Blues" will leave you reaching for your repeat button for weeks. Even though the 35 minutes fly by oh-so-quickly, one must appreciate the complete lack of filler on this record. Where bands like Black Rebel Motorcycle Club and My Morning Jacket fail to satisfy, Band of Horses succeeds. Look for Cease to Begin to top most indie critics' year-end lists.

- Kevin Ehman



Local zombie movie has more nudity, gore

Sam VanSchie

What: *Meat Market 3* DVD release
Where: Lucky Bar
When: Tuesday, Oct. 16 @ 9 p.m.
How much: $5 cover, $10 DVDs

Midnight on a Saturday: local horror filmmaker Brian Clement is editing videos in his bedroom, which doubles as his studio and triples as storage for his props and costumes.

His James Bay character home is the set of his sixth feature-length film, Meat Market 3, a gory zombie movie he shot between March and July 2006. With peeling paint and thorny bushes clinging to the front, the house is eerie. Add the chilly October night, abandoned street and unlit windows, and no mother would approve of their daughter ringing the doorbell.

But even in the moonlight, Clement isn't the least bit frightening. He's tall, slim and mild-mannered. He wears jeans, a T-shirt and house slippers to guard against the cold wood floors.

"Now that you've met me, the film wont be scary," he said, handing over a copy of his DVD.

But *Meat Market 3* is the scariest in the series. Previously he tried to mix satirical humour with the tits and gore of formula horror films. He preferred male nudity (giving the film its name) and lesbian vampires. The first *Meat Market*, released in 2000, had zombies eating Victoria's homeless population while the police turned a blind eye. The second, released a year later, featured a motivational speaker who brainwashes his cult followers into eating zombies.

And that was to be the end of *Meat Market*, as far as Clement was concerned.

"I swore I'd never do another zombie film," he said. "Unless somebody offered me money."

His shoestring productions were afforded by working part time and saving up enough to pay for the equipment rentals. He dropped out of film studies at UVic in 1997 because he felt he was paying too much for skills he could learn at the library and by trial-and-error.

His persistence paid off when underground horror movie producer Cryptkeeper films offered him $6,000 toward his next movie — providing it was a zombie film, and one with more gore and female nudity than his previous work. It would carry the name of his previous zombie films, but lose the political subtext.

Just like that, Clement was thrust back into the tired genre and forced to comply with clichés.

"I said, 'If I'm going to do this, I'll do it right,'" Clement recalled. He wanted to be professional: good lighting, tight editing and believable gore scenes. He also wanted a realistic plot. Well, as realistic as a city overrun by zombies can be.

"Most zombie films are just about being trapped and the main characters fighting," he said. "I wanted to use original elements ... and the conflict to be from within the characters."

Meat Market 3 opens with a young married couple (Bronwyn Lee and Mike Hordy) breaking into an abandoned house to get away from "those things" terrorizing their neighborhood and eating everyone in their path. They blockade themselves in an unfamiliar living room, safe from zombies, but far from food, water and the ability to sleep. Lacking sustenance and with little hope of rescue, they must work together to get free. But they are too irritable to cooperate, and learn too late what happens when people are bitten by the undead.

The movie was written, directed and filmed by Clement. He also does the lighting, has a small acting part and who knows what else.

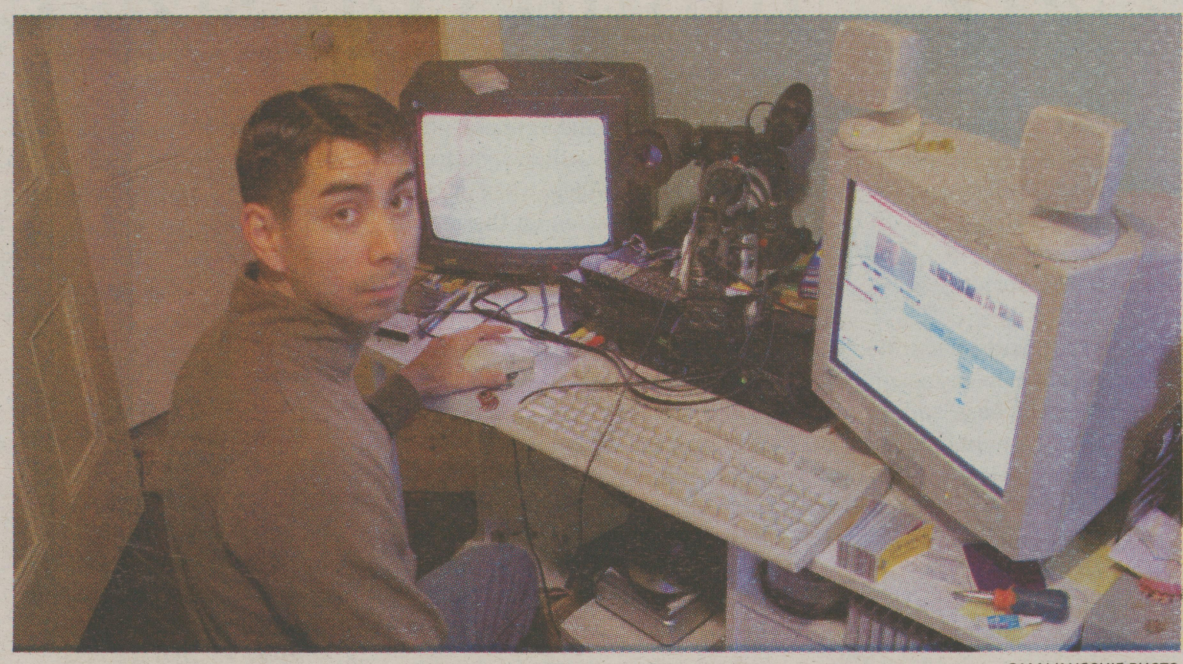
"I want it to be exactly as I envision," he explained. "So I do everything I know how to."

The films entire cast, including hundreds of zombie extras, is from Victoria. There are cameos by such local celebrities as Cam Pipes (lead vocalist of 3 Inches of Blood, a metal band), Ira Hunter (writer of *Champions of Hell* comics) and Bettina May (Capital City Cheesecakes burlesque dancer). Clement asked everybody he knew to be in his film, from the barista at Habit Cafe to punk rock musicians. He recruited zombies on Craigslist and MySpace, and invited neighbours and passersby to put on makeup and get in his shots.

One night when he needed to shoot a scene with zombies chasing a car down the street, Clement set up 10 makeup artists in Metropol Event Poster Services on Broad Street, where he works part-time. Each artist did a different type of zombie makeup and sent people outside to get into the shot. The makeshift actors spent four hours swarming the getaway car with their slow zombie shuffle until Clement got the footage he needed.

All Clement's zombies were unpaid but enthusiastic. "People would tell me it was their lifelong dream to be a zombie," he said.

Convenient — especially when it brings the filmmaker closer to his dream. "I'd love to quit my jobs and just make movies," Clement said.



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Local filmmaker Brian Clement stays up late to edit scary movies in his bedroom studio.

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Ugly alumnus on stage

What: *The Ugly Duchess*
When: Oct. 11 - 20
Where: UVic's Phoenix Theatre
Tickets: $20/$10 student (except Fri. and Sat. night)

Kyle D. D'Odorico

In the 14th century, the world's ugliest woman was highly sought after. She was a duchess and whoever married her would hold great political power.

This is the story that inspired former UVic student Janet Munsil's acclaimed one-man play *The Ugly Duchess*. The show, which has been toured around the world since its premiere in 1993, lands at UVic's Phoenix Theatre this week.

PROVIDED IMAGE

Quentin Matsys's *A Grotesque Old Woman* inspired Munsil's play.

Munsil describes the play as "a story of beauty and ugliness, good and evil," mixed with the politics of the late Middle Ages.

The story centres on the life of Margarete Von Tyrol, Countess of Tyrol, better known as Margarete Mautlasch. Mautlasch translates into "pocket mouth" or "ugly mouth." How ugly the duchess actually was is debatable, but in art she is almost always portrayed as grotesquely unattractive.

Despite her disfigured face, she held a prime piece of medieval real estate, and surrounding nobility courted her in hopes of being the one to marry into royalty. The play, which is framed around the time she was ready to cede her throne to the Austrian Empire, imagines her preparing a speech announcing her abdication.

Wearing the gowns of 14th century duchess is Munsil's husband, Paul Terry, who is also a UVic graduate and a veteran on the stage of the Phoenix Theatre.

"No one actually mentions that a man is playing the part — they just come to accept it," explained Munsil. The play was written with Terry in mind, and that idea of a man playing Margarete has raised surprisingly few eyebrows.

Even so, Terry said that he would be "[interested] to see someone else [play the role]." He's been the ugly duchess since the play's first show and remains the only man (or person, for that matter) to hold the unflattering title.

Munsil was inspired by *A Grotesque Old Woman*, a painting by Quentin Matsys considered to be a portrait of the famous ugly-mouthed noble. Munsil was drawn to the idea of a hideously ugly yet highly-desired woman.

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"Everyone likes a story about ugliness," said Munsil. Terry cited Hans Christian Andersen's fable, the Ugly Duckling, as an example.

The Ugly Duchess recently toured Ireland and Austria, the birthplace of Margarete's legend. It has been well received in its many incarnations, winning Best of Fest at the 2002 Winnipeg Fringe Festival, pick of the San Francisco Fringe Festival in 1999 and sold out at Edmonton International Fringe Theatre Festival three years ago. This is the first time Munsil and Terry have brought their show to UVic.

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Paul Terry plays Margarete Mautlasch in *The Ugly Duchess*.

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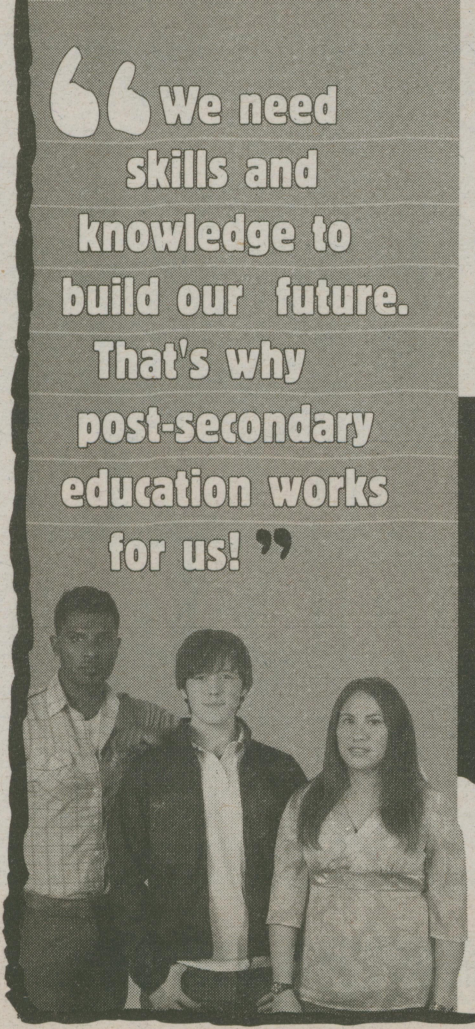

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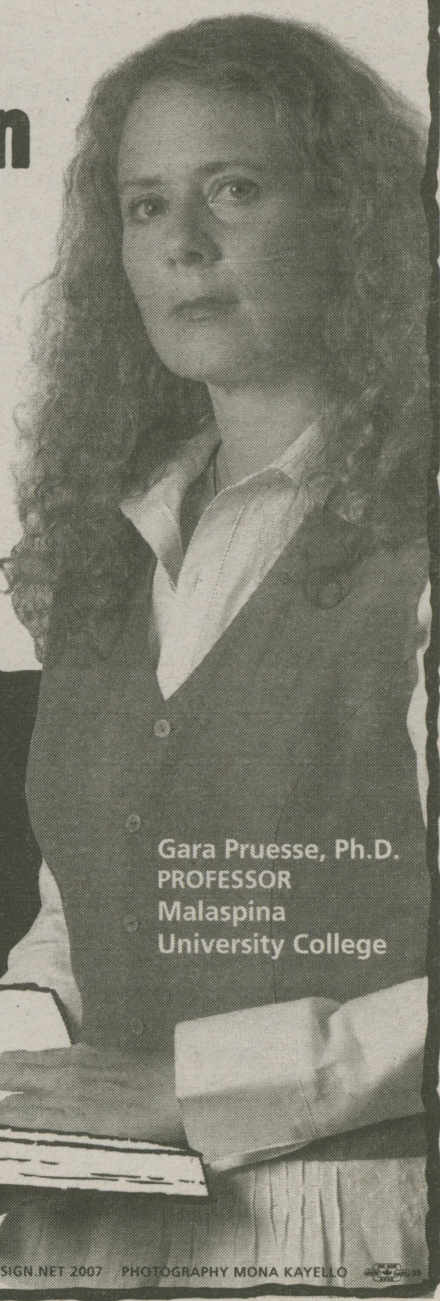

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Protect your penis with a party

Kailey Willetts

What: Save the Penis Party
When: Friday, Oct. 12 @ 9 p.m.
Where: Plan B Nightclub
How much: $8

Where would we be without penises? UVic student Megan Kirk doesn't think we'd get very far.

That's why she's hosting her second annual Save the Penis Party.

The event, held at Plan B nightclub, is a fundraiser for prostate cancer. All party-goers must wear blue in support of prostate cancer and a prize will be awarded for the best costume.

Kirk got the idea for the party while at UVic last year, far away from her family in Barrie, Ont.

"I felt disconnected from my family during my dad's [prostate cancer] diagnosis and treatment," she wrote in an e-mail interview. "I wanted to show my dad that I was 'there' for him even though I was over 4,000 kilometres away."

The penis party was born.

"I honestly had no expectations of last year's event." Kirk wrote. "Whether I raised $10 or $1,000 was irrelevant — I just simply wanted to do something positive."

Despite her modesty, the event was a success, raising over $1,700. Participants came in blue, with costumes ranging from the "Cock-Doc" to "Rock Out with your Cock Out" T-shirts.

In November, Kirk flew home to surprise her dad and gave the proceeds to Simcoe-Muskoka Regional Cancer Centre at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie.

Aside from raising money, Kirk also wants to raise awareness about prostate cancer. She believes the Think Pink campaign has brought hope to those with breast cancer and hopes to see people learning more about other cancers.

Often, talking about "below the belt" cancers is considered taboo and can make people uncomfortable. This is something Kirk hopes her fundraiser will overcome.

"We are just beginning to see barriers removed from talking about reproductive cancers," she wrote. "It would be awful to think that less money was raised for a cause because we were all too nervous or embarrassed to talk about it."

SHELBY ROGERS PHOTO

Penis Party organizer Megan Kirk shows off before last year's event.

Megan Kirk believes the Think Pink campaign has brought hope to those with breast cancer and hopes to see people learning more about other cancers

Kirk stressed the importance of getting regular medical examinations — early detection saved her dad from having to treat a more serious stage of cancer.

This year's event will continue to help remove the taboos surrounding reproductive cancers by raising awareness in a fun, humorous way. It will also be celebrating the first anniversary of Kirk's dad's recovery.

This year, the proceeds will be split between the Prostate Centre in Victoria and the Simcoe-Muskoka Regional Cancer Centre.

Kirk hopes that by choosing Plan B, everyone will be able to come out to support the cause and have a good time.

Lots of fun costumes are expected. When asked what she will be wearing, Kirk wrote, "If I told you, it would ruin a really great surprise!"

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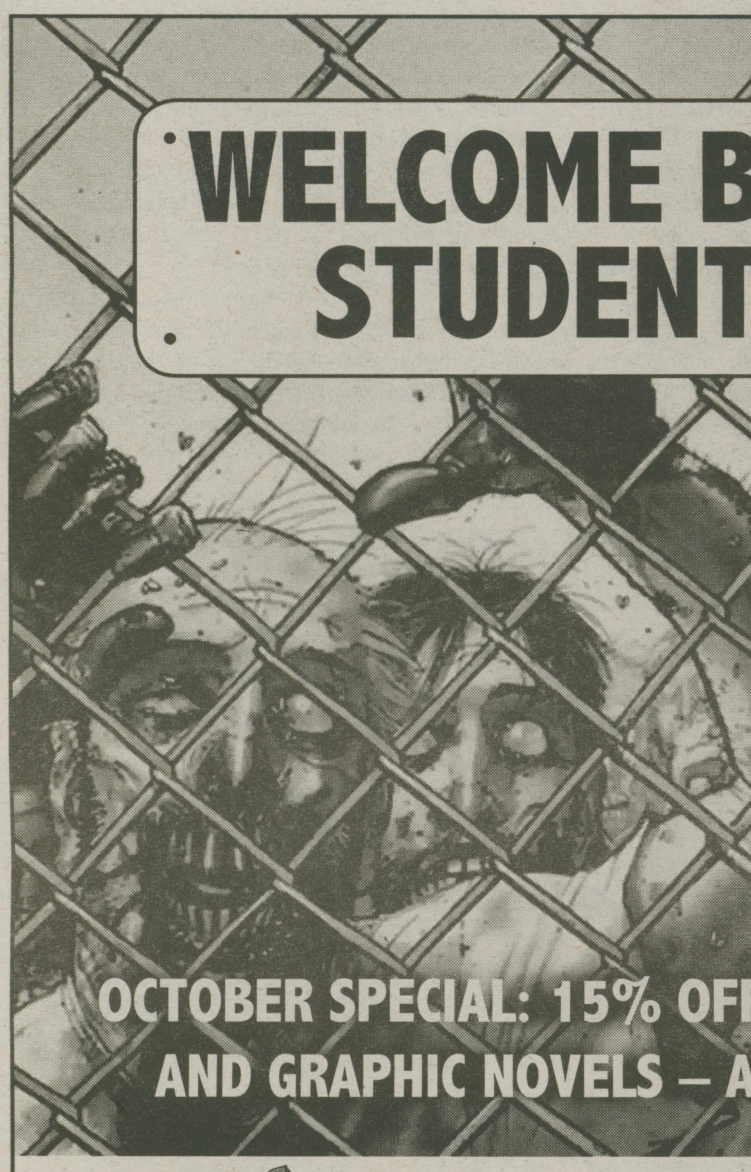

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Vikes stomp T-Birds in first leg of 'the boot'

Andrew Smith

When it comes to men's rugby, the UVic Vikes have a tradition of beating the UBC Thunderbirds.

That tradition continued at UVic's Wallace Field on Oct. 3. Fans witnessed a Thunderbird thrashing as the Vikes dominated 41-15.

The opening minutes saw two easy tries for UVic against a flat, unorganized UBC defence. The Vikes attack was swift and well pieced together, aided by scrum half Jamie Mackenzie's distribution.

UVic looked composed with a strong forward pack, with their offence well supported by the back line. The Vikes ran the ball out to the wings and their backs penetrated a weak UBC back line.

UVic coach Doug Tate said his team "started off well and controlled the tempo of the game."

UBC's lone try was quickly countered with a full field dash by Vikes winger Ty Shannon and converted to rack up 26 points in the first half. An awakening Thunderbird side and a lack of Vikes discipline in the forward pack led to an easily converted UBC penalty near the end of the first half.

The second half appeared to be a different game as UBC pounded the Vikes defence. But the Vikes held strong and took a 33-point lead.

After a round of subs, the Vikes appeared frazzled and lost their composure. Line-outs were lost and undisciplined play saw penalties that allowed UBC back into the Vikes' 22. Eventually the attack was rewarded by a UBC try and conversion making the score 38-15.

Both sides were undisciplined in the last 15 minutes with penalties against each team. Dropped passes and knock-ons made the Vikes back line look shaky and intimidated. The final minutes saw both sides having issues in piecing plays together.

UBC's frustration with their abysmal performance was evident as punches were thrown and a player was sin-binned for fighting in the closing minutes. The game ended on a scrappy note with UBC scoring three more points through a penalty kick. The final score was 41-15.

Tate said his team "let [UBC] dictate the second half. However, we can't be disappointed, we won the game. We just didn't play the game plan we wanted to." He said there were a number of younger players who were new to the team and some didn't step up to the level they were expected to.

"Setbacks are good for us," said Tate. "They expose weaknesses on our team."

The Vikes' next match is at Cowichan on Oct. 13.

The boot series

The Oct. 3 game was the first in an annual series between the Vikes and the T-Birds. Each year the teams face off in a two-game total points series, where the winner gets a rugby boot for a trophy.

The series was named after Bryan Wightman who coached the UBC team from 1964-67. The statue the winning team takes home is Wightman's boot that his team stole and bronzed.

For the last 10 years, the Vikes have won the boot. They have only lost once since 1991. The date of the second game of the series will not be announced until December.

ANDREW SMITH PHOTO

Vike Gordie Sawyers (left) goes up against a UBC player for the ball.

Pair of shutouts boost UVic in standings

Nathan Lowther

The UVic Vikes women's soccer team rode a waterfall of first-half goals to a 3-0 home victory over the University College of the Fraser Valley (UCFV) Cascades on Oct. 5.

UVic got off on the wrong foot when Canada West goal-scoring leader Alli Bach rolled her ankle and had to leave the game. But third-year forward Rachelle Armstrong kept the goals flowing, setting up the opener and scoring two of her own.

With Bach receiving treatment on the sidelines, Armstrong chased down a through-ball in the corner and sent a perfect cross to Kendra Flock who put the ball into the back of the net in the 12th minute. It was Flock's first game after missing three weeks with a sprained ankle.

"It's good to have Kendra back," said Vikes coach Tracy David. "She gives our team confidence."

Flock also gave her teammates some perfect passes, setting up both of Armstrong's goals. In the 25th minute Flock froze Fraser Valley keeper Angela Garriott with what looked to be a shot from just outside the box but was instead a pretty touch pass to Armstrong. Armstrong sped past her defender before one-touching the ball behind the stranded Garriott.

Armstrong scored the third goal on a scramble when Flock put a low corner-kick to the near post. Flock's aggressive ball skills had won the corner seconds before.

Garriott was happy with Fraser Valley's second half effort. "If we had played like that in the first half we would have tied or even won," she said.

Smith scores another winner

On Oct. 6 UVic hit the home pitch again and used a late goal by a late sub to avenge a recent loss against the Trinity Western University (TWU) Spartans.

The biggest play in the 1-0 Vikes win came from the game's smallest player, when UVic sub Janelle Smith converted a cross from fifth-year midfielder Mariel Solsberg in the 82nd minute.

"That's kind of my role on the team — get the spark going and finish," said Smith.

The low score wasn't indicative of the play, as both teams had numerous scoring chances. Smith got a ball behind TWU goalkeeper Veronika Rogina earlier in the game, but Rogina was able to recover and snatch the ball off the line.

Ironically, TWU's best chance came off a Spartan yellow card. The ensuing free-kick was knocked down and led to a quick counter-attack. UVic goalie Kazia Gwiazda was beaten by a hard, low shot but the ball hit the post before bouncing off the sprawling keeper's head and safely out of bounds.

"You make your own luck in soccer," said TWU coach Graham Roxburgh. "They made a bit more luck than we did."

But it was more than luck that won the game for the Vikes. It was Gwiazda's goaltending. With minutes left she had to fully extend to punch a point-blank blast just wide of the post to keep the Vikes' lead.

"I think we are finally starting to see our potential," said Gwiazda. "At first we played scared and a little intimidated. But now we're finally starting to hit our stride."

The back-to-back wins have UVic striding up the standings — the Vikes are now the sole possessors of fourth place in the Canada West conference.

The team heads out on their last road-trip of the regular season this weekend, visiting the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns on Oct. 13 and the University of Calgary Dinos on Oct. 14.

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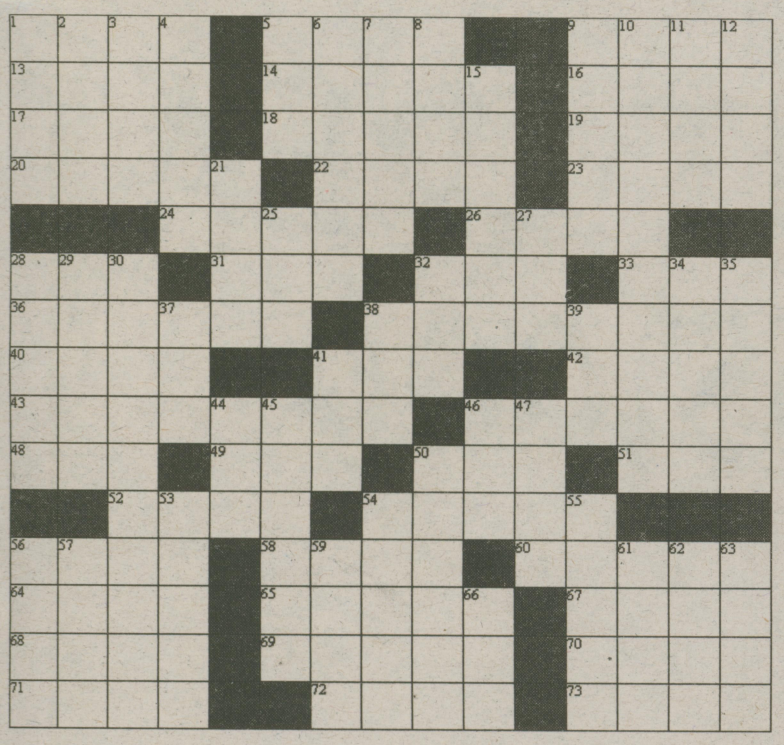

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28 Likely
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32 Darling one
33 N.I.M.H. animal
36 Prison official
38 Red Baron's transport
40 J'ai ____
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42 Middle East ruler
43 Protect from loss, again
46 Recalcitrant youth
48 Sea bird
49 U2 single
50 Use a spade
51 Understand
52 Polkaroo door features
54 Yearned
56 Plant part
58 Qualified
60 Marsh plant
64 Pandora's redemption
65 Enraged
67 Stallion's mate
68 Soon
69 Went steady
70 Russian mountains
71 Subway series team
72 Vishnu and Shiva
73 Cincinnati team

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3 Longest river
4 Discourage
5 Teacher's org.
6 Suave
7 Laundry units
8 Place last
9 Geometry measure
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25 Chemist's particle
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28 Cognizant
29 More pallid
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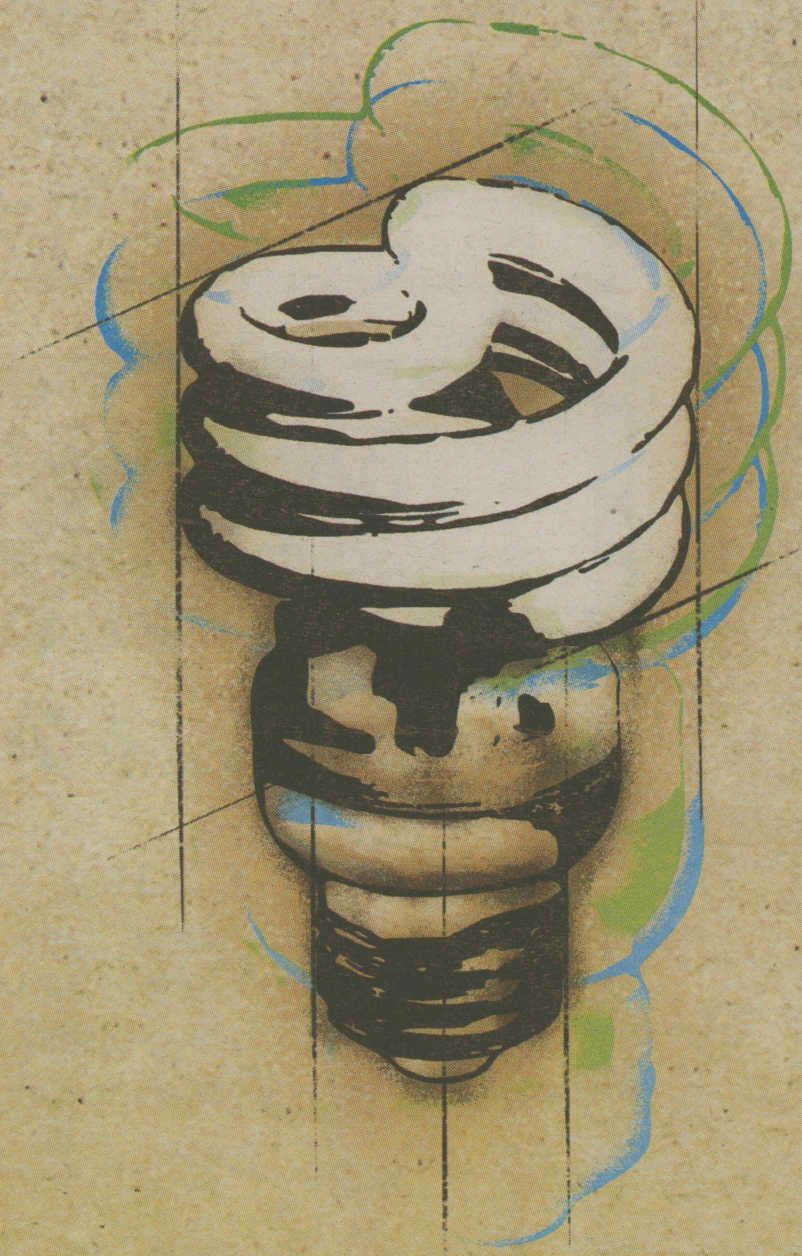

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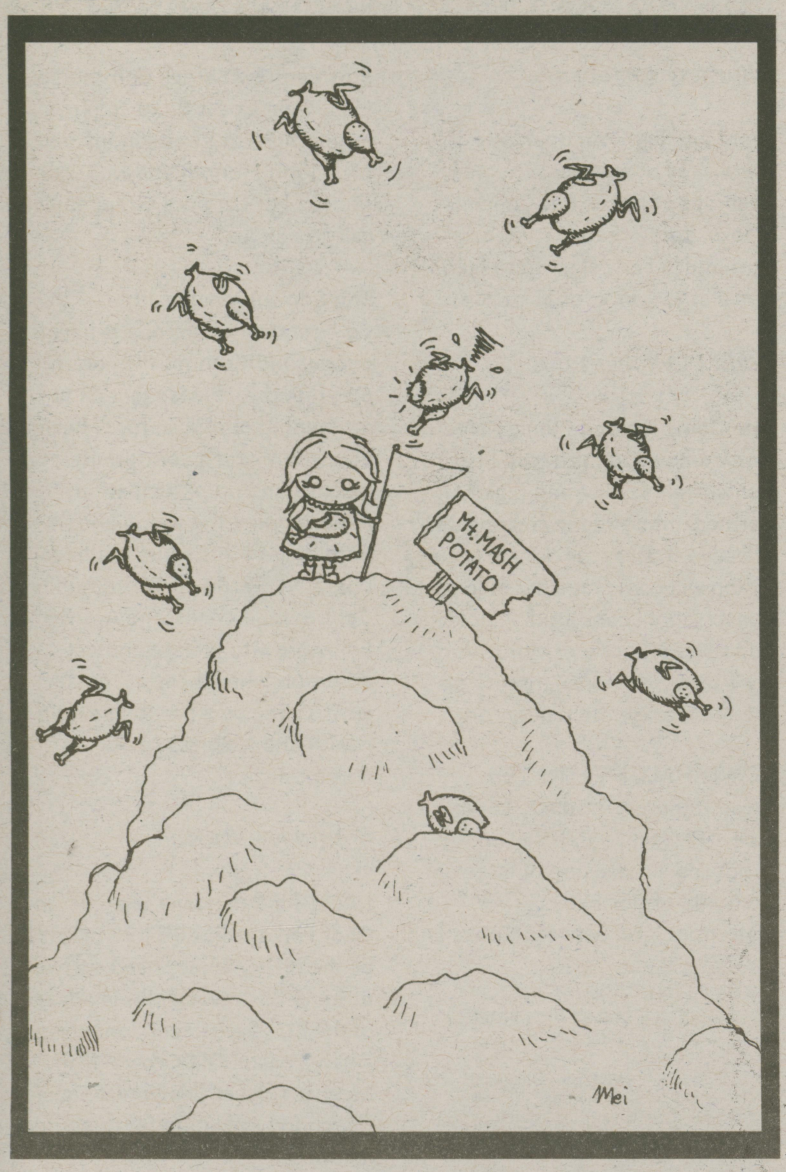

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by Gord Duff

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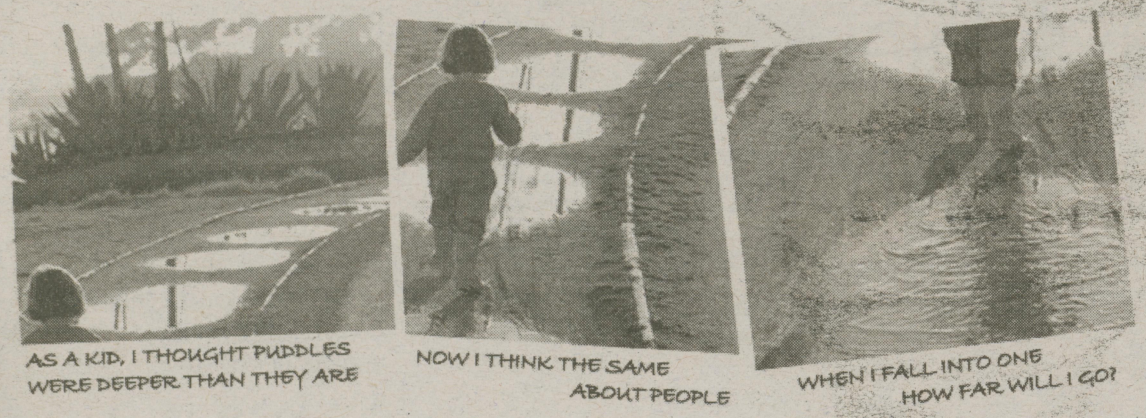

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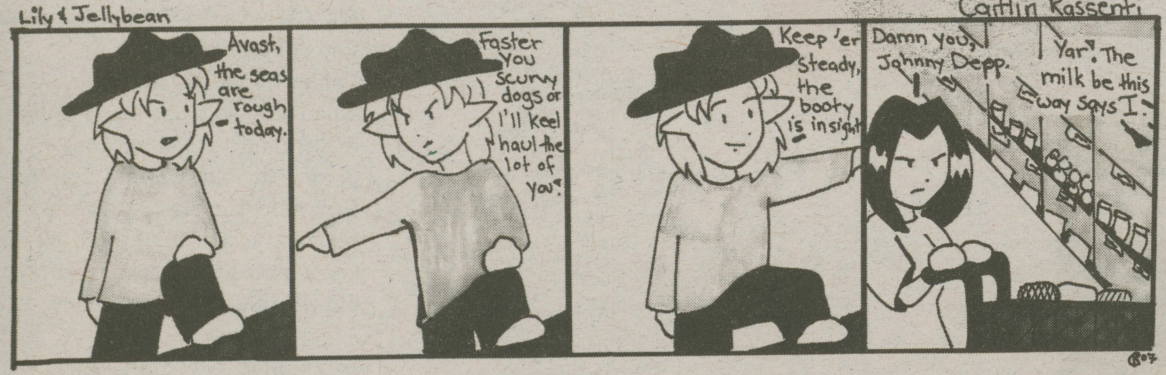
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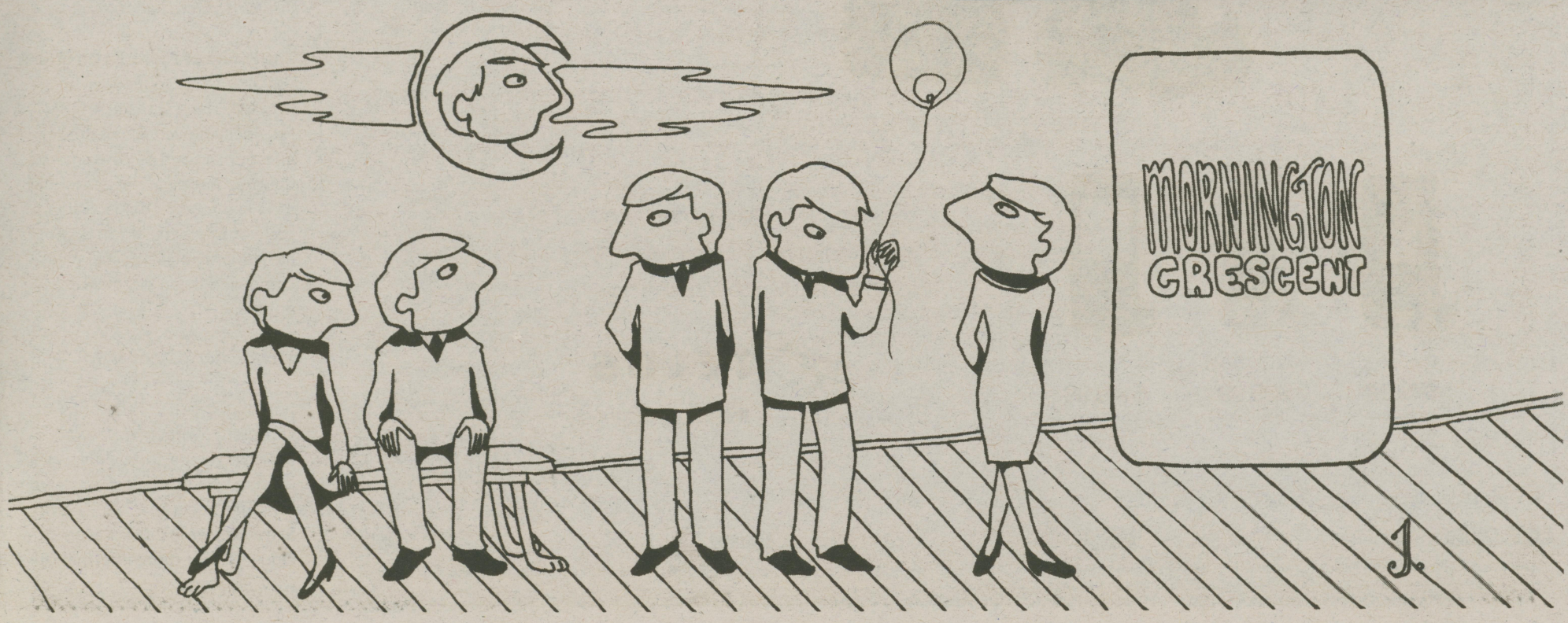

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Friday, October 12

The Going Beyond Climate-Neutral Conference (Oct. 12-14th). Students, staff, faculty, and regional partners interested in creating an effective strategy for climate change action will come together to join the conversation, contribute their ideas, and make it happen. More info: www.uvic.commonenergy.org or info@uvic.commonenergy.org

TOWN HALL MEETING on Western Forest Products Land Sale, 7PM. Have your say on the proposed subdivision of large amounts of (formerly Crown) waterfront land between Sooke and Port Renfrew Shirley Community Hall, West Coast Road @ Sherringham Point Road. Sponsored by MLA John Horgan and MP Keith Martin. For car pool arrangements call 382-8494.

The Community Health Co-operative of Victoria is having our second Community Forum, 6:15-9:15 pm. Please join us in an evening of music, food, health education, and a community discussion and participation in developing the vision and unfolding of this, your health co-operative. Fernwood Community Centre, 1240 Gladstone Avenue. For more info, please contact communityhealthcoop@gmail.com. Come be a part of creating health and wellness in our community.

Saturday, October 13

RALLY for Vancouver Island's Ancient Forests and BC Jobs! - This'll be the BIG ONE, we need everyone down at this pivotal rally in advance of the BC government announcing a new Coastal Old-Growth Plan. Meet at 11:30 at Centennial Square, March to Legislature for 12:00 noon for speeches.

Saturday, october 13th will feature Carter Hortie CBC Comedy Now fame at Murph's Place in the Vacation Inn, corner of Douglas and Finlayson, 9 PM, no cover. Saturday Oct. 20 will feature Dave "Squatch" Ward from ABC The Commish, NBC series Hawkeye, and the Kokanee commercials, 9PM, phone 389-9962 for reservations of large groups.

Monday, October 15

FILM What a Way To Go: Life at the End of Empire, 7:00pm
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Tuesday, October 16

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